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**SPEAKER:** The John Birch Society takes the position that most of the administration's so-called Civil Rights Program is in flagrant violation of the 10<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The National Council of the Society, meeting in Boston, emphatically asserts that many actions being taken under the civil rights banner are a direct threat to both the person and property of every individual American of whatever race, color or creed. The Society takes no position with regard to segregation or integration. It has both segregated and integrated chapters in accordance with the wishes of our members in their respective communities. The Society believes that the serious questions involved in this racial problem should be decided by local or regional authorities for the smallest practicable areas and, in no case, by any unit larger than a state government. The federal government is strictly forbidden by the Constitution from either making these decisions or from using military compulsion to enforce them. The 10<sup>th</sup> amendment is the keystone to our Bill of Rights, and it is explicit. Our Constitution could never have been adopted without this guarantee against the very usurpation of power in which the federal government is now engaged. The 10<sup>th</sup> amendment has not been repealed and cannot be repealed by the Supreme Court or the executive department or even by the Congress, but only by the people themselves acting through their state governments. The Council urges every patriotic American citizen to reread the Constitution carefully for himself and to enter into a gigantic moral crusade to insist that both the spirit and the letter of the Bill of Rights be observed by all public officials. The present course of this administration by substituting a government of men for a government of laws is heading us straight for dictatorship and tyranny.

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